



News From State Representative Dennis Reboletti

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Reboletti: Budget Reveals Scope of Fiscal Disaster

Springfield, IL ... Calling the Democrat budget “irresponsible” State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) voted against the state spending plan that fails to solve the Illinois’ \$13 billion deficit.

“The Democrats budget fails to address the serious issues of this state – a \$13 billion deficit, out-of-control spending, unfunded pensions and a looming unemployment rate,” he said. “Where are the budget cuts? Where is the transparency and accountability? What about putting people back to work?”

Today, the House approved the Democrat-sponsored budget that allows the state to further delay vendor payments, steal \$1 billion from special purpose funds and gives Governor Quinn unprecedented broad emergency budget power.

“Governor Quinn has said from the beginning that he wants to raise taxes instead of cutting the fat from the budget. I seriously question the Democrats choice of giving Governor Quinn full authority to decide how the state will make ends meet when the past two years have been full of failed promises and flip-flopping on decisions,” he said.

Reboletti also criticized the Democrats pension borrowing scheme that adds to the state’s deficit for future generations.

“This is like taking the Discover card out to pay last year’s Visa,” he said. “The time is now to change the status quo of Illinois government and learn to live within our means. Enough is enough. We are still looking for the \$2.1 billion in cuts the Governor promised a year and a half ago. We need to go through the budget line item by line item, bureaucrat by bureaucrat and program by program to get rid of waste and duplications. Instead the Governor made no substantive cuts, doubled our unpaid bills from \$3 billion to \$6 billion and added \$336 million to the budget for union state employee pay raises.”

Reboletti and his Republican colleagues filed 80 bills that would save taxpayer money, reform the state's budget process and increase employment opportunities, all of which were denied by Speaker Madigan and the House Democrats.

"I remain committed toward working with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to create a state budget that helps the people of Illinois, not one that hurts them," said Reboletti.

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